

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-4, 6-14, 20-23 and 25-28 have been amended. Claims 5, 15-19 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6-14, 20-23 and 25-28 now are presented for examination.

### 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 5 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 5 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice.

### 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15-18, 20-23 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Margolus et al., U.S. Pub. No. 20040143743 (“Margolus”).

Margolus discloses “method by which *more than one client program connected to a network stores the same data item on a storage device* of a data repository connect to the network” (Abstract; Paragraph 0010). Although, Margolus discloses having a *number of clients storing the same data on a storage device*, it is not the same as matching the contents of the client with the contents of the repository by “copying to the repository those contents of the client that did not match the contents of the repository” as recited by claim 1. Allowing *multiple clients to store the same data on a storage device* is not equivalent of having the contents of a client being synchronized with the contents

of the repository by copying the missing contents in case of mismatch, as recited by claim

1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 10 and 20 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 and 20 and their dependent claims.

### **35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection**

Claims 5 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Margolus in view of Paul McFedries, “ The complete idiot’s guide to Windows 95”, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ISBN: 0789711613 (“McFedries”).

Claims 5 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

### **Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

### **Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

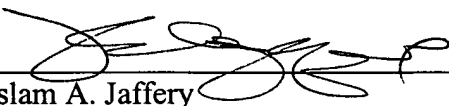
### **Charge our Deposit Account**

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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